

FOREIGN BROADCAST INFORMATION SERVICE
HONG KONG BUREAU

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service
THROUGH : Chief, Operations Group
SUBJECT : Monthly Report--Hong Kong Bureau--August 1986

I. GENERAL

A. On 20 August Hong Kong was declared cholera-free, 17 days after the territory became an infected area. World Health Organization regulations say a period of 10 days must lapse after the last confirmed case before an area is declared free of infection. During the scare, 22 cases of the disease were confirmed and thousands of people rushed to vaccination centers as the Hong Kong government tried to find the cause. Most of the victims came from or had eaten food sold by street hawkers in a factory area of Kowloon. Although the government failed to find the food or drink responsible, they closed down many illegal food hawkers and eliminated a major source of concern.

B. The local controversy over the construction of a nuclear power plant at Daya Bay continued throughout the month. Daya Bay is located about 30 miles from Hong Kong in the PRC. Two Legislative Council delegations traveled to the U.S. and Europe on fact-finding missions to view safety measures at nuclear plants there. Another local delegation journeyed to Beijing to hand over a million-signature petition against construction. Hong Kong papers see little likelihood that the plant will not be built. The controversy is unlikely to die down soon.

II. OPERATIONS

Monitorial/Editorial

1. The bureau completed a 7-day survey (18-24 August) of Shenzhen Television, a new station located just across the PRC border. Because the station was unmonitorable at the bureau, we made arrangements with Cable & Wireless to record the broadcasts at their facility on the Peak.

As expected, the content quality of the broadcasts was low-level consisting of local news, feature programs, dramas, movies and other light entertainment. The 4-hour broadcast, which runs from 1000-1400 GMT, opens with a relay of Beijing Television's 1000 GMT newscast which we currently cover. This 35-minute news segment is repeated at the end of the broadcast. The local news contained little useful information.

The bureau does not plan to place the station on regular coverage, but could monitor it on an ad hoc basis if events warrant.

2. The bureau's Philippine newspaper coverage continues to improve. With the addition of LIBERATION, the publication of the National Democratic Front which is the main radical opposition force in the country, we now cover the entire political spectrum. We also began exploiting the Manila FILIPINO TIMES and Davao City PERYODIKO DABAW.

In an effort to compensate for the poor reception and low output of the Philippine radios we can hear, we are looking at ways to expedite our processing of press materials. We are currently testing an arrangement worked out with the Philippine Airlines to receive the Manila dailies via the first available Manila-to-Hong Kong flight Monday through Friday. The earlier delivery allows us to process most of the material before COB. The reliability of the service is still being evaluated.

III. ADMINISTRATION

A. Personnel

1. Headquarters approved two pay adjustments for the bureau's FBN employees. One was retroactive to 5 January with increases varying among grade levels; the other was an across-the-board increase of 3.83%, retroactive to 8 June.

2. After more than three years of work, the consulate is about to implement a provident fund to provide retirement benefits for local employees. During the past week heads of various offices in the consulate were asked to sign final papers for the plan. Local employees currently under CSR are waiting for information on what it would cost them to buy back if they chose to switch to the provident fund. The plan will be effective 5 July 1986. Employees will contribute 5% of their basic salary, while the government's contribution will be 10% of each participating employee's salary.

3. The Hong Kong Government has ~~declared~~ 22 October a local holiday in honor of Queen Elizabeth's visit. The Consulate has also declared this a holiday.

B. Building and Grounds

The bureau looks brighter with a fresh coat of paint. The walls of both floors were painted. All work was done on weekends which caused minimal interruption to bureau operations.

IV. VISITS

A. Dan Sebright, Defense Liaison Office, visited the bureau on 8 August for tour and orientation.

B. [] on 8 August stopped briefly on his return to STAT
Okinawa.

C. Bureau chief and [] on 18 August to meet [] STAT
[] the new Hong Kong deputy regional director for Agence STAT
France-Presse.

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Bureau Chief

Attachment and 3 - Hqs

cc: 1 - C/Bangkok
1 - C/Okinawa
1 - C/Seoul

HONG KONG BUREAU PRODUCTION REPORT FOR AUGUST 1986

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	1215500
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	103150
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH:	1966

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
II. INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE:	4750	10350	292

III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES:
(PUBLISHABLE WORDS PER MONTH)

CHINA

BEIJING INTERNATIONAL SERVICE IN TAGALOG	3830
BEIJING TELEVISION SERVICE IN MANDARIN	300
CHANGSHA HUNAN PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	6490
CHENGDU SICHUAN PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	9280
GUANGZHOU GUANGDONG PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	7120
GUIYANG GUIZHOU PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	2910
HAIKOU HAINAN ISLAND SERVICE IN MANDARIN	1370
KUNMING YUNNAN PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	4980
LANZHOU GANSU PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	6110
LHASA XIZANG REGIONAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	16170
NANNING GUANGXI REGIONAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	6740
TAIYUAN SHANXI PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	2350
URUMQI XINJIANG REGIONAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	5740
WUHAN HUBEI PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	5950
XIAN SHAANXI PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	13110
XINING QINGHAI PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	5270
ZHENGZHOU HENAN PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	8920
BEIJING XINHUA HONG KONG SERVICE IN CHINESE	8840

HONG KONG ZHONGGUO XINWEN SHE IN CHINESE	30600
HONG KONG ZHONGGUO TONGXUN SHE IN CHINESE	5670
BEIJING BAN YUE TAN IN CHINESE	6420
BEIJING BAOGAO WENXUE IN CHINESE	0
BEIJING CHINA DAILY IN ENGLISH	37140
BEIJING GONGREN RIBAO IN CHINESE	10070
BEIJING GUANGMING RIBAO IN CHINESE	30600
BEIJING GUOJI SHANGBAO IN CHINESE	2540
BEIJING GUOJI WENTI YANJIU IN CHINESE	10130
BEIJING HONGQI IN CHINESE	107210
BEIJING JINGJI CANKAO IN CHINESE	500
BEIJING JINGJI GUANLI IN CHINESE	44560
BEIJING JINGJI RIBAO IN CHINESE	7110
BEIJING JINGJI YANJIU IN CHINESE	30330
BEIJING JINGJIXUE ZHOUBAO IN CHINESE	1100
BEIJING LIAOWANG IN CHINESE	11890
BEIJING LILUN YUEKAN IN CHINESE	0
BEIJING LISHI YANJIU IN CHINESE	0
BEIJING NONGMIN RIBAO IN CHINESE	5940
BEIJING RENMIN RIBAO IN CHINESE	106380
BEIJING RENMIN RIBAO OVERSEAS EDITION IN CHINESE	1970
BEIJING SHIJIE JINGJI IN CHINESE	0
BEIJING SHIJIE LISHI IN CHINESE	1920
BEIJING SHIJIE ZHISHI IN CHINESE	7230
BEIJING WENYI BAD IN CHINESE	1950
BEIJING WENZHAI BAD IN CHINESE	1930
BEIJING XINWEN ZHANXIAN IN CHINESE	0
BEIJING ZHEXUE YANJIU IN CHINESE	0

BEIJING ZHONGGUO FAZHI BAO IN CHINESE	1360
BEIJING ZHONGGUO QINGNIAN BAO IN CHINESE	1080
CHENGDU SICHUAN RIBAO IN CHINESE	2780
CHONGQING CHONGQING RIBAO IN CHINESE	5950
FUZHOU ZHONGGUO JINGJI WENTI IN CHINESE	0
GUANGZHOU GUANGZHOU RIBAO IN CHINESE	0
GUANGZHOU KAIFANG IN CHINESE	0
GUANGZHOU NANFANG RIBAO IN CHINESE	3900
GUANGZHOU YANGCHENG WANBAO IN CHINESE	1850
HAIKOU HAINAN RIBAO IN CHINESE	0
HONG KONG LIAOWANG OVERSEAS EDITION IN CHINESE	32120
KUNMING YUNNAN RIBAO IN CHINESE	0
KUNMING YUNNAN SIXIANG ZHANXIAN IN CHINESE	0
LANZHOU GANSU RIBAO IN CHINESE	0
LANZHOU LANZHOU WANBAO IN CHINESE	0
SHANGHAI SHIJIE JINGJI DAOBAO IN CHINESE	3110
TAIYUAN SHANXI RIBAO IN CHINESE	3010
WUHAN CHANGJIANG RIBAO IN CHINESE	0
WUHAN HUBEI RIBAO IN CHINESE	0
XIAN SHAANXI RIBAO IN CHINESE	4450
XIAN XIBEI XINXI BAO IN CHINESE	0
YINCHUAN NINGXIA RIBAO IN CHINESE	4660
ZHENGZHOU HENAN RIBAO IN CHINESE	660

HONG KONG	
HONG KONG ASIA TELEVISION LTD IN ENGLISH	180
HONG KONG COMMERCIAL RADIO IN ENGLISH	280

HONG KONG DOMESTIC SERVICE IN ENGLISH	1680	
HONG KONG AFP IN ENGLISH		78090
HONG KONG ASIAWEEK IN ENGLISH		0
HONG KONG CHANWANG IN CHINESE		0
HONG KONG CHENG MING IN CHINESE		6130
HONG KONG CHING PAO IN CHINESE		3840
HONG KONG CHIUSHIH NIENTAI IN CHINESE		0
HONG KONG FAR EASTERN ECONOMIC REVIEW IN ENGLISH		3530
HONG KONG HONGKONG STANDARD IN ENGLISH		15990
HONG KONG SUNDAY STANDARD IN ENGLISH		4360
HONG KONG HSIN WAN PAO IN CHINESE		4060
HONG KONG KUANG CHIAO CHING IN CHINESE		3490
HONG KONG MING PAO IN CHINESE		5840
HONG KONG PAI HSING IN CHINESE		0
HONG KONG SOUTH CHINA MORNING POST IN ENGLISH		32450
HONG KONG SUNDAY MORNING POST IN ENGLISH		5630
HONG KONG TA KUNG PAO IN CHINESE		9630
HONG KONG TA KUNG PAO IN ENGLISH		2050
HONG KONG WEN WEI PO IN CHINESE		14580
NEW ZEALAND		
AUCKLAND THE NEW ZEALAND HERALD IN ENGLISH		7960
WELLINGTON THE EVENING POST IN ENGLISH		7470

PHILIPPINES	
MANILA FAR EAST BROADCASTING COMPANY IN ENGLISH	16940

MANILA FAR EAST BROADCASTING COMPANY IN	
TAGALOG	2680
DAGUPAN CITY DZDL RADIO IN	
TAGALOG	180
LAOAG CITY NATION BROADCASTING COMPANY CORP. STATION DWRI IN	
ILOCANO	2010
QUEZON CITY DZFM RADIO IN	
ENGLISH	1950
QUEZON CITY RADYO NG BAYAN IN	
ENGLISH	0
QUEZON CITY RADYO NG BAYAN IN	
TAGALOG	20660
QUEZON CITY RADYO PAG-ASA IN	
TAGALOG	0
MANILA FILIPINO TIMES IN	
ENGLISH	5660
MANILA MANILA BULLETIN IN	
ENGLISH	48530
MANILA MR. & MS. (SPECIAL EDITION) IN	
ENGLISH	0
MANILA PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER IN	
ENGLISH	21830
MANILA THE MANILA CHRONICLE IN	
ENGLISH	33890
MANILA THE MANILA EVENING POST IN	
ENGLISH	11520
MANILA THE MANILA TIMES IN	
ENGLISH	9820
MANILA NEWS HERALD IN	
ENGLISH	13130
MANILA THE NEW PHILIPPINES DAILY EXPRESS IN	
ENGLISH	20940
MANILA THE NEW PHILIPPINES SUNDAY EXPRESS IN	
ENGLISH	1860
MANILA THE SUNDAY TIMES IN	
ENGLISH	0
MANILA TIMES JOURNAL IN	
ENGLISH	0
CEBU CITY VISAYAN HERALD IN	
ENGLISH	1560
DAVAO CITY DAVAO STAR IN	
ENGLISH	0
DAVAO CITY MINDANAO MIRROR-BULLETIN IN	
ENGLISH	600
DAVAO CITY MINDANAO TIMES IN	
ENGLISH	690
DAVAO CITY PEOPLE'S DAILY FORUM IN	
ENGLISH	260
DAVAO CITY PERYODIKO DABAW IN	
ENGLISH	2820
DAVAO CITY THE DAILY SAN PEDRO EXPRESS IN	
ENGLISH	220
DAVAO CITY THE MINDANAO DAILY MIRROR IN	
ENGLISH	560
QUEZON CITY ANG PAHAYAGANG MALAYA IN	
ENGLISH	16960

QUEZON CITY BUSINESS DAY IN ENGLISH	95730
QUEZON CITY NEW DAY IN ENGLISH	12720
QUEZON CITY VERITAS IN ENGLISH	0
QUEZON CITY WE FORUM IN ENGLISH	0
(CLANDESTINE) LIBERATION IN ENGLISH	20940